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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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1. A SOURCE IN THE EC COMMISSION HAS TOLD US THAT PRC AMBASSADOR LI LIEN-PI IS SOON TO DEPART BRUSSELS. LI, WHO IS SIMULTANEOUSLY ACCREDITED TO THE BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENTS, IS TO MAKE HIS FAREWELL CALL ON EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI ON JANUARY 19 AND IS EXPECTED TO DEPART BRUSSELS SHORTLY THEREAFTER. OUR SOURCE SAID AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN REQUESTED FOR A SUCCESSOR AND THAT THE CHINESE, WHEN ARRANGING THE APPOINTMENT, DID NOT INDICATE AMBASSADOR LI'S DESTINATION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND NO PARTICULAR POLICY SIGNIFICANCE IS BEING ATTACHED TO AMBASSADOR LI'S DEPARTURE BY EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS. PREPARATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY FOR A VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY A CHINESE DELEGATION BETWEEN MID-FEBRUARY AND MID-MARCH TO DISCUSS THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED MODEL BILATERAL/AGREEMENT. AT THE TIME HE WAS APPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE EC, BRUSSELS SOURCES SPECULATED THAT AMBASSADOR LI WOULD NOT REMAIN HERE BEYOND THE NEW YEAR.
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